

## SHEEP QUARANTINE.

Lines to be Drawn Closer and Laws to be Changed.

The Sheep Laws of Colorado and New Mexico.

By a decision just reached by the state live stock sanitary board, the sheep quarantine declared by the governor two months ago is to be made perpetual, says the Denver Republican. This will be startling news for sheep men, but there is more behind it. New legislation is to be recommended whereby one county may quarantine another. According to the state veterinarian, it is to be "state against state and county against county."

New Mexico has noticed the state veterinary board that it will co-operate with Colorado, and already the most rigid inspection laws are insisted on between this state, Montana and South Dakota.

When the present strict quarantine was established, it was thought it would only be temporary, and kept alive only as long as the existing conditions should remain active. It was also thought most likely that the quarantine would be raised with the lambing season or the incoming of new grass. This is not to be, and Colorado proposes to completely shut its western, southern and southeastern sheep drives. The only way sheep can be driven into that state without being required to go into quarantine and pass inspectors, will be through Wyoming or Kansas. None will come by the latter route, as sheep always travel towards a market. Through Wyoming, nothing but clean sheep will come, as that state has its own quarantine against the big California and other sheep grazing grounds.

The determination of New Mexico to have strict quarantine is recent. At first the New Mexicans felt hurt at the idea of their being shut out of Colorado. Two weeks ago the state veterinarian went to New Mexico for a conference. At that conference the New Mexicans contended that their sheep were no worse than many Colorado sheep, and if Colorado barred New Mexican sheep, then it would be only fair for the territory to bar Colorado sheep. The veterinarian said that he had no opposition to offer to such a proceeding, and after discussion it was decided as the best thing that could be done. New Mexico has decided to do it, and one of the first bills that will go through the next territorial legislature will be providing for a permanent quarantine.

Dr. Gresswell is of the opinion that the New Mexican quarantine against Colorado will be a good thing. He thinks it will make Colorado sheep

growers clean up. "It is worse than useless to keep out foreign diseased sheep when we harbor disease at home," said the veterinarian. "but at present we are unable to reach our own people. They must reach themselves. Nearly all Colorado sheep ranches are free from disease, but there are some ranches that are not clean. The consequence is that neighboring sheepmen are in jeopardy. Now, we propose to enable one county to quarantine another. There is such a law in existence, but it is scarcely enforceable."

"Our law provides that where five sheepmen petition for the appointment of a county sheep inspector, this board must appoint, and the county the man serves in must pay him. Nineteen counties are now working under this law, and the consequence is they can keep from passing through their own confines diseased herds from other counties. This law is all very well as far as it goes, but it does not go far enough."

It provides that the inspector shall be paid \$3 per day for each day he actually works, to be paid out of a sheep fund or the general fund. All that is necessary for a board of county commissioners to get rid of a sheep inspector, and thus kill the county quarantine, is to declare that there is no money to pay him. That settles it. What we propose to do is to frame a law which shall assure the inspector's salary."

## THE PERALTA GRANT.

Not a Single Genuine Paper Upon Which to Base That Big Claim of 12,000,000 Acres.

Associate Justice Thomas C. Fuller, Mr. Matt G. Reynolds, United States attorney, Mr. S. Eallet-Prevost, special assistant attorney general, and Mr. Wm. M. Tipton, expert, have gone to the City of Mexico and Guadalajara, under a commission issued by the court of land claims, to commence the taking of testimony in the case of J. A. Peralta-Reavis vs. the United States.

This is the largest land grant ever claimed to have been made by Spain or Mexico, including over 12,000,000 acres of land, and covering the Salt and Gila river valleys in Arizona and extending southeast into New Mexico. It covers the town of Phoenix, the capital of Arizona, and some of the most valuable mineral and agricultural lands in the territory.

United States Attorney Reynolds states today that for the last twelve months the archives and evidence in Spain and Mexico have been under careful examination by Mr. S. Mallet-Prevost, special assistant attorney general, and the government was now proceeding to put its evidence in completed form.

He said it was probably time, in order to relieve the public excitement in Arizona and elsewhere, to state that the government was fully prepared to prove, and would do so, that not a single title paper, nor a single entry, are genuine.

The examination has been quietly and carefully carried on, but from this time each step must, of course, become public property.—New Mexican.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the probate judge or probate clerk at Silver City, N. M., on October 20, 1894, viz: James F. Miller, who made Hd. application No. 282 for the s-w 1/4 Sec. 11, Tp. 15 S. R. 21 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

Theodore Pitts, of Carlisle, N. M.; Walter Pitts, of Carlisle, N. M.; James R. Wilson, of Gila, N. M.; C. C. Miller, of Carlisle, N. M.

Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and the regulations of the Interior department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.

JOHN D. BRYAN,  
Register.